## MRS. HALL SCORES IN MURDER QUIZ

Defense Tactics Leave Jersey Authorities Again in Deadlock.

WITHOUT NEW EVIDENCE

Reporters, After Interview, Left to Puzzle Over Mysterious Slayings.

BY ROBERT TOMPKINS.

the slain rector of St. John's, before fact that Mrs. McClelland was ma the bar of public opinion, leaving her there alone to battle against two- it was a telling move against the prose- Mrs. Dorrit Woodhouse.
"I do not remember," replied the

Mrs. Hall has been the closely hooded figure in the mystery ever since the bodies of the minister and his choir singer were found side by side. the bodies of the minister and his choir singer were found side by side. She and her family knew full well that suspicion, and perhaps the condemnation of public opinion, centered about this calm, self-reliant, but now wan and wern woman, whose gray hair seems to set at an aristocratic angle on her head.

The nublic linvitation.

"Your honor, stated Attorney Austin, "this defendant suffers a most extraordinary lapse of memory when we get down to the real facts of this case and I must insist that he render intelligent replies to my queries, always remembering"—he continued, turning toward the unnerved banker—"that he is under oath."

it. At least they have as much as sometimes not, have been able to get from their constant questioning of the wealthy widow, whose family connections run all through the business and social fabric of New Brunswick. They know what Mrs. Hall has id under the pressure of as much the "third degree" as the some-that timid prosecution ever has red to apply to her. For Mrs. Hall, facing the battery of newspaper men and women who have trailed her from the very beginning of this baf-fling case, stood an ordeal of verbal battle greater perhaps than any per-son entangled in the meshes of a strange crime ever had to endure.

Nothing New Developed.

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It is true nothing new developed from the questioning. But Mrs. Hail told her story. The bulk of it already is known. She answered most of the questions with an engaging frankness. She seemed positively happy to reply. It was only when her opinion of Mrs. Mills was demanded that she reserved the right to keep that opinion to herself. She vowed, however, that she had always liked Mrs. Mills up to the time of the tragedy. She had never regarded Mrs. Mills a

n "vamp."

Since the murder, however—?

Mrs. Hall, with a decided grianness in her voice, admitted she had changed her opinion. And why not? she seemed to query back to her questioners. "I have had much to think about these last six weeks."

Mrs. Hall left her questioners as puzzled over the mystery as when she first was ushered into the dimly it library of her home—the most exclusive and secluded home in all New Brunswick.

that Mrs. Hall ever expressed any animus against the woman found murdered beside the rector and husband. The prosecution is unable to set up a condition in the Hall household which would have led to murder. Mrs. Hall apparently believed in her husband right up to the end

der. Mrs. Hall apparently believed in her husband right up to the end, for she says she had never seen or heard of any of the letters which have been published in connection with the case.

It is one thing to set up a theory of a crime and quite something else again to give that theory the necessary support "beyond the reasonable shadow of a doubt," to bring it before twelve good men and true.

Closely Questioned.

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Woodboars also had been as the had been seemed to be the constitution of a connection have been published in connection have been published here. The reporters have been published in connection have been published here of the publishing the first in the very been published in the publishing the first in the very been published in the publishing the first in the very been published in the publishing the first in the very been published in the publishing the first in t Defense Ahead in Case.

There was much talk today of how the "defense" so repeatedly has scored against the prosecution in the whole affair. The "defense" from the start has been always one step ahead of the prosecution.

Where the prosecution has hesi-tated or refused to speak, the "de-fenge" has been voluble. Witnesses for the "defense" have been examined

for the "defense" have been examined in camera by the prosecution—and nothing given out. The "defense" later has told everything that the prosecution asked and all the answers that were given. Cleverness always has been on the side of the "defense." Sometimes it has seemed almost too clever, but the prosecution has offered nothing to match it.

The idea that there can ever be a conviction in the case, without a full and frank confession on the part of the person or persons who engineered the murder, no longer is entertained here. The chances today pointed in the direction of an unsolved mystery. Whoever committed the crime concealed their tracks so cleverly that nothing tangible appears to remain Mrs. Hall's interview marked a climax in the case. There is greater quiet in New Brunswick today than for a month.

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Giving Consolation.

Prom Detroit Free Press.

"Did you try to console the widow of the misn who was killed in that automobile accident?"

"Yes, I told her she could remember always that her husband had the right of way."

## WOODHOUSE ADMITS SON COURTED WOMAN IN D. C.

(Continued from First Page.) serted and destitute, she asked the court for alimony and financial aid from her husband pending outcome of the suit.

corridor of the courthouse this morning, when the younger Mrs. Woodhouse and the millionaire co-defendant accidentally collided. With one ant accidentally collided. With one glance at the attractive young plaintiff, the elder Woodhouse, who yesterday swore under oath that he had never seen his daughter-in-law in his life until the opening of this trial, although she was born and reared within fifty yards of his home, muttered his anotheries and hastily withtered his apologies and hastily with

### Banker on Stand.

The elder Woodhouse, who is mil-lionaire president of the Merchants' National Bank of Boston, and father of Charles Douglas Woodhouse, ob-viously unnerved, and suffering fre-quent loss of memory, when recalled to the stand just before adjournment NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. November
2.—The "defense" has scored another
great psychological victory and the
investigation into the Hall-Mills mur-

der mystery appears to have come to another dead end.

It was a bold stroke that placed Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, widow of made after his son's wedding, as were his suffix. He was not have the suffix have

When and where did you entertain score men and women who had stud-fed the case in every detail. But it ney Warren K. Austin, counsel for witness.

### Admits Invitation.

turning toward the unnerved banker—"that he is under oath."

"I am noting the witness' attitude,"
quietly remarked the court.

Then it was that the elder Woodhouse admitted that he had invited
Mrs. McClelland to his home "several
times" after 1920. "My son might
have been present. I really do not
remembered," he replied to further
questioning. questioning.

The millionaire also admitted he made valuable gifts to the Washington woman during the time when.

It is alleged, his son was wooing her although still married to the plain After nearly a half hour of per-sistent questioning and after appeal-ing to the court for assistance At-torney Austin secured a list of the gifts he alone made Mrs. McClelland

Gave Rings and Car. Numerous jewels and rings, valued at \$4,500, a set of seal furs which the elder Woodhouse originally bought for his own wife, one of his valuable motor cars which he had relicensed in her name and other articles of smaller value were included in the list.

Q. Was there at your Park were. Q. Was there, at your Park avenue

home, any question regarding the A. No, so far as I was concerned. You thought it perfectly proper for your son, a married man with a respectable and refined wife to make gifts to this Mrs. Lillian Hendrick McClelland?" demanded Attorney Aus-

tin.
"Yes," replied the witness after some nestation
Q. When did you first hear that
Douglas had flirted with Lillian to
such an extant that he had announced
an' engagement to her, although he
was not then divorced from his wife?

Q. Wasn't there a well defended policy in your family in regard to the regulation of the marriage of your

## Big Crowd in Court.

Mrs. Pratt, who remained on the stand for half an hour, made a con-vincing witness, and her story, un-shaken by cross-examination by the defendant's counsel, was the strongest

defendant's counsel, was the strongest point yet scored by the plaintiff.

A crowd which thronged the courtroom and included many fashionably dressed women heard the witness relate the story of her visit to the financier at his offices in the Merchants National Bank.

A large part of vesterday was occupied by the court in private session, the courtroom being cleared of all spectators and the jury sent home, while the deposition of C. Douglas Woodhouse taken in Reno, Nev. in February, 1922, was considered. Objection to its admission as evidence was raised by the defendants. As this deposition covers 415 typewritten pages, its consideration by the court would occupy some time. The jury was told to come back Friday morning. would occupy some time. The jur was told to come back Friday morn

## On and Off.

From Virginia Reel. He was an actor of the old school. "Aye, laddle," he said, "when I first took to the stage, ambition egged me "Yes," was the reply, "and then I suppose the audience egged you off."

A seagoing motor vehicle is op-erated at Ciscthorpes beach, near Grimsby, England, to travel on land and water. It carries both auto and

## NOT JEALOUS OF SINGER. SAYS WIDOW OF RECTOR

Denies She Was on Murder Scene as Described by Mrs. Gibson, and Gives Account of Actions to Press.

## In Yesterday's 5:30 Star

Dan Ring's dramatic story of the first interview given by Mrs. Hall to newspaper correspondents, printed below, is reproduced from yesterday's 5:30 edition of The Star.

When the last regular edition of yesterday's Star went to press the correspondents, were closeted with Mrs. Hall at her New Brunswick home. The interview came to an end about the time the last regular Stars were being run off the presses. Mr. Ring's story began arriving at The Star office, over two special wires, about 4 o'clock, and was concluded shortly before 5. The 5:30 edition was being sold on the streets within a few minutes after the last "take' of the story was received.

Another "scoop" for yesterday's 5:30 edition was the story of the young woman and her baby found in Rock Creek Park suffering from the effects of poison administered by the mother.

It is not every day that such stories "break" between 3:30 and 5 o'clock, but the fact that they do break is an explanation why, in order completely to cover the afternoon field and give the reading public the utmost in service, The Star inaugurated its 5:30 edition.

### BY DAN RING.

Staff Correspondent of The Star. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Novem er 2.-In a room full of newspaper men, so quiet that the ticking of an antique clock could plainly be heard, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, of the slain rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist yesterday afternoon told of her movements on the night of the murder and reaffirmed her denials of any knowledge of the tragedy. Probably the most dramatic moment in the inerview came when she was asked "What is your feeling toward your

A dead quiet followed the question The clock ticked, china rattled in the kitchen far to the rear. The Mrs. Hall answered in a low, steady

"I feel he is true to me." This question was followed by an other, regarding her feeling toward Mrs. Mills.

"What is your feeling toward Mrs Mills?" she was asked. "I do not know what to say," she

replied. interviewer The "Ma'am?" She replied in the same words.

Then came another dramatic mo ent. It disclosed an angle of Mrs Hall's make-up in a forcible man-

The question was "Do you feel at all inimical toward her (Mrs. Mills) in your heart?" "I have no vindictive feeling" re

## No Limit to Questions.

Before Mrs. Hall entered the room her attorney. Timothy N. Pfeiffer, announced to the fifteen news paper men present that he would tion of the house. He placed no limitation upon the questions to be asked Mrs. Hall and the interview was without restrictions of any kind. The interview consumed exactly one hour. It was in an abnormally calm fashion that it got under way, and during the talk this calmness seemed

appearing dominating, she showed all the signs of a woman with a mind easily capable of independence of thought.

Her replies were made without dif. ficulty or hesitation and the manner in which she told her story was con-vincing. She refused to answer only a few of the questions. One of them dealt with her husband's estate and \$10,000 of the \$20,000 that he left Sh also refused to give her view of di

orce.
Eliminating the possibility of a crimi nal as the murderer who could have come into contact with the slain rector through his church work, Mrs. Hall answered the following questions thus:
Q. Did your husband ever have any enemy that you know of?
A. None that I know of. I never have heard of any.
Q. Was there any black sheep anywhere that appealed to him for money?
A. I have never heard of any.
Q. Was he ever interested in any prison reform work among criminals?
A. Not to take part in any way.
Q. You know of no difference that he had with any individual at any time?
A. Never, None whatever. through his church work, Mrs. Hall

A. Never. None whatever.
Q. Mrs. Hall, as I understand your answer to one of the questions, you said that you still believe in your

Do you still believe in Mrs. Mills? I hardly know how to say. Since the trakedy have you given Mills or Charlotte Mills any finanrial aid?

A. No, none whatever.

Mrs. Hall was questioned regarding use of a revolver by herself, or by her husband. She replied "Never," to the ques

"Have you ever fired a gun, tion: Mrs. Hall?" and the questioning con tinued as follows: Q. Ever used a pistol?

A. Never.

Q. Was it one of Mr. Hall's pastime practice shooting? A. Never.

Q. Did he possess a revolver at any ime that you know of? A. No.
Q. Did he, at the Point Pleasant outing, practice with a revolver?
A. I am sure he did not.
The interview covered possibilities of

and her knowledge of various persons in

tomobile accident and did not report at that time that your husband was missing?

A. I said my husband had gone out and had not returned. I did not tell the

police who I was. I asked if there habeen any accident which might account for his not returning.

## Denies Gibson Story.

Q. Have you any comment to make Mrs. Hall, of that part of Mrs. Gibson's statement in which she says you were resent on the Phillips farm on the

ight of September 14? A. What comment could I make? Of

course, that was not so, and that was

A. I certainly was not.
Q. Did you leave your house on any time that night except when you went out with your brother? A. No.
Q. Will you tell us your movements
on the night of September 14, as near
as you can recollect?
A. We had our supper about 6:30

A. We had our supper about 6:30 and I want out on the porch for a little while after that. I had Mr. Hall's little niece with me, his brother was there, and Mr. Hall was here at supper time. I stayed out on the porch for a while and then a little later came in with this little girl that was with me and played games.

later came in with this little girl that was with me and played games with her for a while until half past eight or quarter to nine—somewhere along there—and put her to bed. Went upstairs, at least, and put her to bed and came down again, somewhere around after nine, I should say, and sat here in the library reading until about half past ten. Then I went upstairs and prepared for bed and walted on Mr. Hall to come in. And I went to bed, but I did not go to sleep.

And I went to sleep.

Q. And between the time that he left the house and the time that you went out with your brother in the early morning you did not at any time leave this house?

A. No. Q. Do you know now, Mrs. Hadl. rom whom that telephone call was

that evening?

A. That came that evening?
Q. Yes. her 2.—Before the week ends the Hall-Mills case probably will go be-fore the grand jury and the climax of six weeks of investigation into what is possibly America's murder mystery of the century will be reached. A. They told me it was from a Mrs. Mills, but I only know that from

A. No. Q. Have you ever been to the Phil-ips farm in your life that you know

Not at Phillips Farm. A. I did not know until later that t was the old De Russey place. As child I have been there twice.

But not since you were a child?
No.
Mrs. Hall, following the same ine, after you had gone to the church ot having found your husband there did you take any further steps that night between that time and 7 o'clock in the morning to notify your friends and inquire of the police, or do anything in regard to your husband' absence?

A. As you all know. I walked down past the Mills house to see if by any chance any one was ill, or any light there, knowing that he had gone out. I went to see if there was any light there or anything to indicate that he was there had been the been there had been there had been the been there had been the been the been the been there had been the be was there, but seeing no light, I came

Q. You never had any reason to go to Mrs. Mills and protest to her about anything you had heard?
A. Never.
Q. Was there ever any enmity between Heary Stevens or any disagreement between Henry Stevens and your husband?
A. No. your anything you had heard?
A. Never.
Q. Was there ever any enmity between Henry Stevens or any disagree-

Or Willie and your husband?

was away at the time Q. He was away traveling, I sup-

Q. Do you remember the conversa-tion you had with Mr. Mills on the corning you went to the church? morning you went to the caure...

A. I have reported it several times that I remember now.
I asked him if Mr. Hall said where he was going when he left there the night before, and then Mr. Mills said he had not been there. I think that was it. I said: "He has been out all night and has not returned." And Mr. Mills said: "My wife has not returned either. She has been out."
Q. Did you make any remark to him about you fearing that there was foul play?
A. I do not remember.
Q. You do not remember that?
A. No.
I in Q. Mrs. Hall, are you utterly ungive the authorities any

solution of this crime: Has No Theory of Crime.

A. I have told you I have absolutely nothing whatever I can suggest as to the perpetrator or motive.

Q. Did you ever have any reason before this shooting to suspect your husband's relations, as far as Mrs.

Mills is concerned?

A Absolutely none.

A. Absolutely none.
Q. What is your feeling toward your husband? A. I feel he is true to me, Q. What is your feeling Mrs. Mills? What is your feeling toward

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A. I do not know what to say.
Q. Do you feel at all inimical oward her in your heart?
A. I have no vindictive feeling. Q. Do. you know anything, Mrs Hall, which you do not care to tell us for fear it may embarrass some-fledy that you know, very near and

dear to you?
A. Nothing.
Q. In other words, you are holding back nothing?

## Doubts Letters.

A. Absolutely nothing.
Q.Why is it, Mrs. Hall, that you say you have doubt as to the letters and the diary being authentic?
A. Because it seems so unlikely that Mr. Hall would have written such things from what I know of uch things from what I know o

Have you made any comparison the handwriting?

No.

Do you intend to do so?

I do not know that I shall. Q. What made you think on the light of that Thursday that Mr. Hall night be at the church?

A. The only thing I could think of

A. The only thing I could think of for his not coming was possibly he had gone to the church and had fallen asleep over a book. He occasionally would read there and fall asleep. There is just a chance.

Q. Did you ever have a discussion or argument or quarrel with Mr. Hail with reference to his being so frequently with Mrs. Mills?

A. Never.

Q. The question never came up between you?

GRAND JURY ACTION NEAR Officials See Nothing in Way of In-

pecial Dispatch to The Star NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Novem

This statement is based on statements of officials and actions of the past few days.

"The prosecution is satisfied that the case has developed to the extent of going before the grand jury before the end of the week," said the official. "We can think of nothing that will prevent it. It is true, speaking frankly, that there is need of additional corroboration in one of the items of evidence. This concerns an automobile that was parked in the Russey lane, near the Phillips farm, on the night of the murder. That is the only point of speculation hat is the only point of speculation

Three experts from the Newark poce department dropped quietly inte wn yesterday and went silently to

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Schwarts, Bertillion expert, and the chief of the Newark police bureau of identification. He was accompanied by Lieut. Paul Deriveaux, an expert of the same system, and Lieut. Day, the photographer, and Fred Sanburg

the photographer, and Fred Sanburg of Newark's police force.
Schwartz took up the work of diagramming the Phillips' farm, where the bodies were found. He spent several hours making maps marking various spots that will appear in the testimony. He made measurements and checked up with inanimate evidence on the oral evidence of the investigators.

Lieut. Day set up his camera and got surroundings of the spot where the murder took place. There was such a bustle at the farm that the experts testified later that they had

been affronted by persons inquiri "Are you newspaper men, too?"

improbable.

James Mills, husband of Mra
Eleanor Mills, the "wonder heart" of
the Hall love erisgite, who was found
killed at the rectors side, inferentially
scored Mrs. Hall for not offering a

to see the murderers caught. In an interview Mrs. Hall had said she didn't want to see anybody punished. It is the consensus of opinion among reporters, who interviewed Mrs. Hall that she is the biggest

Through a cross examination, probably as keen as could be made by carried herself in a manner that sent the questioners away marveling at answers and at the control displayed by this woman. For the most part, her answers were precise. Her story ran straight as a string. At times They returned and gave most of their data to Detective Lieut. James F.

Mason, aide to Deputy Attorney General Wilbur A. Mott, in charge of the case, Mason analyzed compiled and cata, where women have been central fig. Mason, aide to Deputy Attorney General Wilbur A. Mott, in charge of the case. Mason analyzed, compiled and catalogued what they had collected.

There's quite a busy day in Somerville, where the grand jury of Somerset county meets today. Rumors are trickling out that the case may be in the hands of the grand jury before tomorrow, but observers here think it rather improbable. character analysis in pride, affection, temper and temperament were pre-sented time and again. And yet the subject of the interview remained a puzzle.

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